THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

E-Governance projects

4524. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhoomi e-Governance Project of Karnataka computerizing twenty million rural land records received "Stockholm Challenge Award";

(b) if so, the details of other Indian e-governance projects selected for the above award; and

(c) whether Government propose to implement the above project in other States also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir,

(b) As per the information available on Stockholm Challenge Website (www stockholmchallenge.se) the following three projects from India were awarded the Stockholm Challenge Award;

Project Gyandoot under the category of Public Services Democracy in the year 2000 under Information Village Research Project and TARAhaat under the Category of A Global Village in the year 2001.

(c) Department of Information Technology has promoted replication of the Bhoomi pattern in other States on a pilot basis

Availability of BSNL pre-paid sim cards in Andhra Pradesh

4525. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of telephone connections provided by BSNL in the State of Andhra Pradesh separately for both land-line and mobile telephones;

(b) whether any complaints have been received regarding availability of pre-paid SIM cards of BSNL in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to ensure hazzle free availability of BSNL pre-paid SIM-cards;

(d) whether BSNL propose to expand its rural telephone services in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(e) if so, the details thereof district-wise; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The district-wise telephone connections provided by BSNL in the state of Andhra Pradesh separately for both landline and mobile telephones are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) As on 31-03-2005, against a cellular capacity of 8,22,916 lines, 8,14,667 mobile connections have been provided in Andhra Pradesh. Due to capacity constraints, the release of pre-paid mobile connections has been temporarily controlled.

(c) The expansion of mobile network capacity by additional 10.5 lacs is under progress. The supply of SIM card is expected to be progressively available from July 2005 onwards.

(d) Yes Sir. It is planned to add 2 lakh lines of CDMA technology WLL connections to clear the scattered demand including Rural areas during current financial year.

(e) The district-wise details are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(f) Does not arise in view of (d) above

Statement-I

District-wise Connections Provided (Landline + Mobile) as on 31.3.2005

Sl No	Name of the District	Connections provided during 2004-05				Status as on 31.3.2005			
		Land Line	FWT	Mobile WLL	Cell con-nections	Land Line	FWT	Mobile WLL	Cell con-nections
1.	Adilabad	-762	711	925	5431	66296	880	1067	16416
2.	Ananthapur	3461	1535	1369	7711	101695	2053	1678	32646
3.	Chittor	1557	259	1902	13226	142961	387	5150	35502
4.	Cuddapah	2690	1137	844	10476	97607	1356	2680	22373
5.	East Godavari	7366	0	0	15345	213562	0	0	40933
6.	Guntur	12536	380	594	12018	221320	3152	5156	44344
7.	Hyderabad	-13355	-83	-10075	30364	397755	3519	8590	173251
8.	Karimnagar	-6100	531	927	1804	124206	2633	1008	26118
9.	Khammam	-363	486	1017	10431	86406	827	3886	24161
10.	Krishna	7657	154	79	20398	224171	154	79	55326
11.	Kurnool	3187	0	0	6190	106558	0	0	27154
12.	Mahaboobnagar	3994	1233	140	10705	88091	3504	1284	19188
13.	Medak	-2036	1138	413	4330	75262	3548	431	18429
14.	Nalgonda	3269	1446	1132	10800	113639	1737	2054	22282
15.	Nellore	3786	249	794	850	113341	1490	1929	53751
16.	Nizamabad	-1305	1129	976	2352	91841	1324	1178	22738
17.	Prakasham	226	1220	997	7056	101512	1346	1200	17824
18.	Rangareddy	-6632	-51	479	6273	246599	1393	859	8937
19.	Srikakulam	159	1357	803	16375	52539	1722	1908	22292
20.	Visakhapatnam	714	718	2181	18687	154059	774	2460	47066
21.	Vizianagaram	2482	302	2027	10967	51315	506	4029	17605
22.	Warangal	-8468	1196	1126	10436	98863	1962	5507	23326
23.	West Godavari	11121		0	0	14565207910		0	42735
	TOTAL:	25184	15047	8650	246790	3177508	34267	52133	814667

Statement-II

District-wise BSNL, Andhra Pradesh Circle Proposals for provision of WLL Services and VPTs in un covered villages during 2005-06

S.No.	Name of SSA	Addition of capacity in 2005-06	VPTs planned in un covered villages during 2005-06
1.	Adilabad	9750	40
2	Anantpur	14250	20
3.	Chittor	12000	25
4.	Cuddapah	12000	28
5.	East Godavari	15750	9
6.	Guntur-R	10500	0
7.	Hyderabad#	8250	0
8.	Karimnagar	9000	26
9	Khammam	9000	4
10.	Krishna	12000	0
11.	Kurnool	15750	2
12.	Mahbubnagar	9000	15
13.	Medak	8250	12
14.	Nalgonda	10500	12
15.	Nellore	12000	22
16.	Nizamabad	7500	18
17.	Prakasam	12000	51
18.	Srikakulam	6000	33
19.	Vizag	7500	34
20.	Vizianagaram	5250	18
21.	West Godavari	13500	0
22.	Warangal	7500	31
	TOTAL:	227250	400

Rangareddy district included